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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 have been examined, and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

I. **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,939,938 to Kalb et al. ("Kalb") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,834,977 to Maehara et al. ("Maehara").**

Claims 1, 3, 9-14 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kalb and Maehara.